

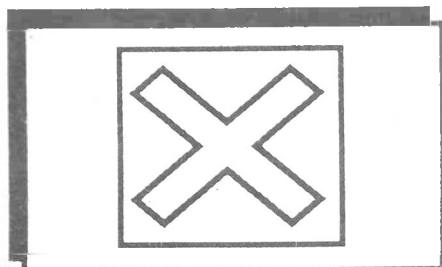


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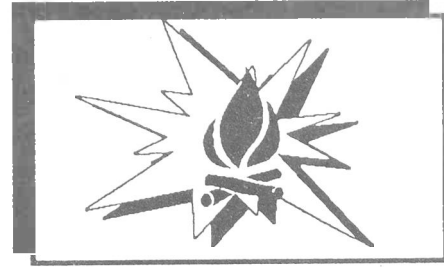
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# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Spotlight Staff

Make a difference in the direction of Spelman College — VOTE!

This is a special rush edition of the *Spelman Spotlight*, specifically for Spelman's Student Government Association (SSGA) and Class Council Officers to voice their position during the campaign. This is designed to provide the student body with an overall glimpse of the candidates.

In the event that you should miss SSGA or class candidates during this week, their goals and aspirations are contained here in an abbreviated form.

The materials enclosed have been provided by the candidates to SSGA. We obtained copies either directly from the candidates, or through SSGA. Since these are the expressed desires and hopes for these candidates to serve you, they have been printed

as we received them. Some grammatical and spelling errors were corrected, however due to the speed in which we completed this issue we can not guarantee that all errors were detected. Therefore, we want to acknowledge that any errors or typographical mistakes seen in the

*Spotlight* are not reflective of that candidate.

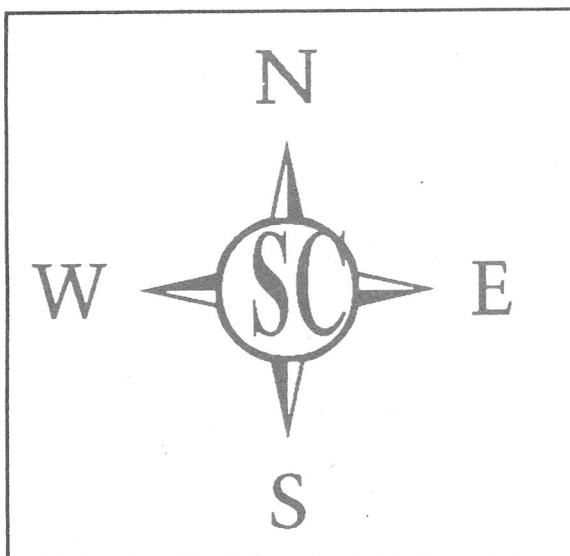
The *Spotlight* staff wishes all of the candidates "Blessings" in their journey.

For a complete listing of officers running for SSGA and Class Councils turn to page 24.

Remember to voice your opinion at the polls. If you withhold your voice now, you have silenced yourself for the upcoming year.

Voting will be on Thursday, April 20th in Upper Manley.

For other information about Election Week see page 2. Support your sisters and yourself. VOTE!



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# ELECTION DAY APRIL 20TH

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## Perusing Campus

**CaribSoul will Host its 2nd Annual Caribfest.** CARIBFEST II will take place between the hours of 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday April 29, featured will be live music by Mr. Tash and the Unit One Reggae Band. Vendors will be on hand selling a wide variety of foods, pastries and African/Caribbean inspired arts and crafts. It will be a day to come together and celebrate the rich heritage of the Caribbean. Admission is free. For more information please contact Julisa Sealey at 221-1514.

## Yearbook Info. Update

*Mr. McDowell will be in Upper Manley on Wednesday, April 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with the Senior cap and gown photos from earlier this year. At this time, you will be able to select and purchase photos. For more information look for posted signs (Giles, Upper Manley, Lower Manley, Yearbook Office door). Package information is provided on the flyers. Other packages, methods of payment, and times can be arranged with Mr. Curtis McDowell on Wednesday, April 19. The photos will be back before you need to mail off invitations as promised.*

## ELECTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, April 18**

**SSGA Debates**

7 - 9 p.m. in LLCII Auditorium

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Absentee Voting**

10 - 3 p.m. in Upper Manley

(you must present an i.d.)

**Ms. Spelman Talent Competition**

7 - 9 p.m. in Sisters Chapel

**Thursday, April 20**

**Voting**

10 - 5 p.m. in upper Manley

(you must present an i.d.)

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**NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 5, 1995**



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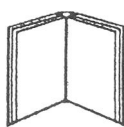
## SSGA Vice President

## Ardenia Johnson

In a time of self-fulfilling endeavors, fallacious promises, and furtive agendas, serious leadership has been suffocated by the hands of frivolity. The concerns of the Spelman community are often obscured by selfish aims and brutal slandering, and so we often find ourselves frustrated and disgruntled by the state of campus politics. My Spelman sisters, I shall not dare insult your intelligence with untruths or whimsical assertions, for duplicity gets us nowhere. I will, however, continue my commitment to serious leadership. Having served in the capacity of Freshman Class President and Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association, I have taken a vested interest in real, substantive issues and concerns that challenge the Spelman community. Taking leadership seriously, I decided to write a policy that enables student organizations to requisition facilities without the hassles of bureaucracy and red tape. Taking leadership seriously, I designed new marketing strategies in order to bring a greater variety of vendors and activities to the Lower Manley Marketplace. In pursuit of the office of Vice President on the Spelman Student Government Association, I hope to take this serious leadership one step further by enhancing the productivity of New Student Orientation Leaders. I also plan to coordinate a comprehensive information session about the policies for chartering clubs and organizations before the end of this semester, so as to better facilitate the charters for the coming academic year. This will also serve to ameliorate the processing of budget requests and facility requests. Moreover, having served as President of the Freshman Class and having worked very closely with the upcoming Freshman Class Council in the role of student advisor. These serious tasks require serious leadership, and I intend to give my Spelman sisters nothing less.

## Recording Secretary

## Caryn Johnson



The Spelman Student Government Association is an organization sustained by dedication, hard work and most of all, sisterhood. I want to continue to be included in this part of Spelman's sisterhood as Recording Secretary of SSGA.

I recognize that there is a significant amount of effort and time put in every endeavor of the SSGA. I realize this position will take personal skills, time management, aside from the clerical skills necessary to hold this position of Vice-Presidential advisor. This position has enabled me to be involved in academic and social activities, and community service projects hosted by the SSGA. I have witnessed first hand the work and the stress involved. However, the outcome was always excellent because I was pleased with the feeling of pride and satisfaction in the idea of doing work for the entire Spelman College family - all inclusive.

Spelman College prides herself with training and molding effective African American women leaders of the future, and equally important, the present. I am being molded to be one of those leaders and I will exhibit my leadership abilities. There is leadership needed on this campus and the Spelman Student Government Association is the organization that is going to lead their fellow students followers on to greatness.



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Spelman Chemistry Club member  
Spelman Biology Club member  
Spelman Student Government Association

## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Parliamentarian

## Maya Jamilah Carter

I am **Maya Jamilah Carter** and I am seeking the position of Parliamentarian for the Spelman Student Government Association. The position of the SSGA Parliamentarian entails

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parliamentary procedures, executing provisions of the Constitution, completing facility requests for Lower Manley, and taking charge of the Lower Manley Friday Market. A candidate seeking this prestigious office must have the ingenuity, ambition, determination, and leadership skills necessary to carry out the many responsibilities of Parliamentarian. I feel that I possess each of these qualities. I am currently serving as a Co-Publicity Chairperson

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for the SSGA, and previously served as a Co-Publicity Chairperson for the Junior Class Council as well as a Publicity Chairperson for the Commuter Club. I not only commit myself to Spelman College, but I also actively volunteer for various community related programs. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work accomplished by the current SSGA Parliamentarian, and as par-

liamentarian for the upcoming academic year, I would like to further enhance this progress. Much of my work as a SSGA Co-Publicity Chair coincides with the work done by the Parliamentarian enabling me to gain insight on how her duties should be most effectively carry out. I am interested in adopting a method by which students can receive fair treatment when requisitioning facilities

as well as providing a more dynamic variety of activities and vendors for the Friday Market. As it is apparent, I have expressed my eagerness to commit myself to my community and I wish to continue doing so. Spelman has given me so much, my Sisters, an through your decision to vote for me, I will be given the chance to reciprocate the academic and social enrichment I have gained from this glorious institution.

## Kori Smith

Greetings my Spelman sisters. My name is **Kori Smith** and I am currently seeking the position of Parliamentarian of the Spelman Student Government Association. My basic reason for running for this position comes out of my love for this school and my wanting to contribute to it and its student body in an positive way. This love has encouraged me to serve in many positions during my years here including: Vice President of Manley Hall during my Freshman year, president of the Internal Affairs Committee of the Presidential Task Force during my Sophomore year and currently serving as the Parliamentarian of the Junior Class. My experiences especially this year for me have been positive ones and I have learned much about Spelman and its inner workings. This knowledge I feel will help me to serve effectively in this position. I have many ideas for the upcoming year that I would like to implement that I feel will benefit students as well as the area of the Lower Concourse of the Manley Student Center. I believe that I am a hard working individual that is dedicated to any task that I am given. I would be honored if you, the student body would elect me as your Parliamentarian.

Love to My Sisters,  
**Kori Smith**

## Co-Publicity Chairperson

## Kimara Whisenant

To serve as co-publicity chair of the Spelman Student Government Association would be an honor and a privilege. I feel that the position of co-publicity is important because it serves as the liaison between the student body, the faculty, and administration. I have chosen co-publicity because it is an area that interests me. I have served on numerous publicity related committees in which my responsibilities included: designing scrapbooks, T-shirts, invitations and letters. Currently, I hold the position of publicity co-chair for the Spelman Student Alumnae Association. My responsibilities for this committee have included: making flyers, posters, designing tee-shirts and other visual projects to inform the student body about our campaign and our goals. As a Biology major with an interest in the arts serving on the publicity committee is one of the few ways in which I can put my creative mind to use. If given the opportunity to serve on SSGA I would ensure that all information be relayed to the student body in an effective and comprehensive manner.

## Stephanie Milton

SALUTATIONS. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE MILTON, AND I AM RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF SSGA CO-PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON. I AM A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, WITH A MINOR IN DRAMA. MY DIVERSITY IN ACADEMIC INTERESTS DEMONSTRATES MY FONDNESS FOR SCHOLASTIC WANTS TO WORK WITH PUBLICITY. I COULD COPY MY RESUMÉ HERE, BUT THAT SEEMS TRITE. INSTEAD, LET ME TELL YOU WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN SSGA CO-PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON. SUCCINCTLY, I WISH TO HOLD THIS POSITION BECAUSE I WANT TO SHOW MY SUPPORT AND PRIDE FOR SPELMAN, I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THIS CAMPUS, AND, AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, I LIKE PERFORMING PUBLICITY DUTIES. I HAVE ENJOYED ACTING AS CLASS OF 1996 CO-PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON, AND FEEL THAT MY DEDICATION AN CREATIVITY WOULD BE EVEN BIGGER BOONS TO THE SSGA. IF ELECTED, I WILL INSURE THAT EVERYBODY WILL KNOW WHEN THE SSGA HAS SOMETHING PLANNED.

THANK YOU.



# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

# Media Specialists

## Sonya R. Butler

Besides newspapers and magazines, how can one generate information to a wide variety of people in a short period of time? If your answer was television and/or video, you are correct. We are in the midst of a media age. Why shouldn't Spelman take an active role in this progressive medium?

My name is **Sonya R. Butler**, a Junior Child Development Major. The SSGA office I am running for is Media Specialist. Currently, the media Specialist is responsible for all audio and visual equipment of SSGA activi-

ties, the telemonitors, and the copier and fax machines in Lower Manley. Why stop there?

On several occasions, upon asking a Spelman sister if they were interested in attending an athletic event, the unbelievable response was, "we have athletic teams?". No student should be unaware of the services and organizations of their campus.

As Media Specialist, I would like to promote Spelman athletics with the aide of video recordings taken during a game, match, or meet. This footage would be used to put together highlights of the event and/or put together a sports video.

Presently, I am the Videographer of Athletics Events, at Spelman. Also, I have experience working on television productions at Clark Atlanta University. My other activities while at Spelman include: Emmaus House Tutorial and mentoring program, New life Inspirational Gospel Choir, Harambee, and the Communications Club.

Television is a powerful tool. If placed in the right hands, that tool can be used to further advance Spelman College as one of the leading educational institutions in America. The hands of that **person belong to Sonya R. Butler.**

## Tameika G. Miller

I am seeking the position of **Media Specialist** because I am a responsible, experienced, seasoned student who wants to meet the media needs of a school that has been so supportive of my efforts and dreams of becoming a journalist. While I consider myself qualified for this position, I also seek to learn more about media relations.

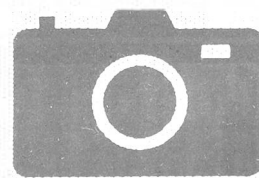
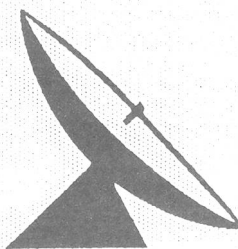
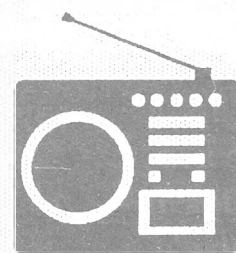
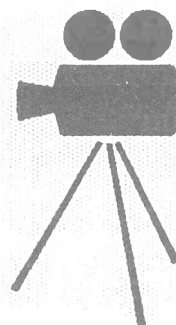
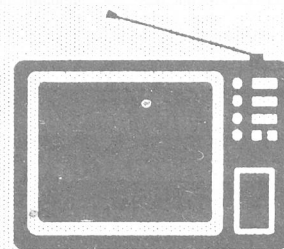
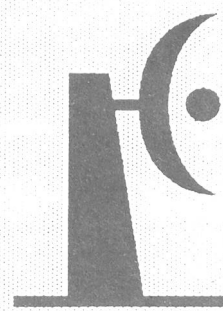
Since junior high, my only career focus has been journalism and working in the media. Even in high school, I had a hand in public relations and the school newspaper and yearbook. At Spelman, I have worked for the *Spelman Spotlight*, in the Eye On Communications Club, at some CAU produc-

tions, and in the Public Relations Office, where I hear about most of the up coming events and news before students. I have also served as secretary of Women Against Breast Cancer. As secretary, I must have good people relations skills. For any leadership position, it is essential to have successful relations with people. Certainly anyone who truly knows me can attest to my skills in that area.

During the summers, since I have been a Spelmanite, I have participated in several journalism workshops and classes, publications, and internships. The internship with which I am most proud of is the one at Bantam Doubleday Dell, a publishing firm in New York. My duties at the firm have taught me more about the media/communications industry. I

was exposed to an entirely different process of circulating information. With the help of these workshops, seminars, and internships, I have managed to continue to excel in my major and career interests. I still give some of my time to the community.

I am also running for office because I believe it is my obligation as a rising African American scholar to share my talents with the rest of the community. As African American women, we don't always **lead** the activities or areas in which we feel we have experience. Lack of leadership will only hurt us. It is the coming together of those who are confident in their ability that will make a difference in the end. I am prepared to do my part.



# ELECTION DAY APRIL 20

# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

**Danielle  
A. Charlton**

*Dear Spelman Sister,*

As an economics major pursuing a concentration in accounting, I feel that the office of SSGA Treasurer will not only enhance my accounting skills, but it will also provide me with an opportunity to explore other business/executive avenues.

However, I am not totally inexperienced in record keeping or budget planning.

I am presently working as Youth Coordinator at Big Bethel A M E Church. This position has require me to plan budget proposals for many activities in the Youth Department. I have also worked as a bank teller, which required me to accurately count, record, and report money.

In closing I would like to say that what I may lack in experience, I'll make up for in my determination to serve you, my Spelman Sisters, to the best of my ability with honesty and accuracy.

*Sincerely your Sister,*

*Christa M. Jackson*

Danielle A. Charlton

**Monique Dupree**

Over the past two years, I have come into the understanding that being a Spelman student encompasses a lot more than simply studying and as we Northern Californians say: "kickin' it." I have learned that a large part of the Spelman experience is getting involved in leadership so that I can be part of "making things happen." This year I have had the privilege of holding a position on the executive boards of the New Life Inspirational Gospel Choir, the Sophomore class, and the Environmental Task Force, and have watched many rewarding events/activities come out of them. These, along with past experiences, have inspired me to seek the position of the Treasurer of the Student Government Association, with the hope that this experience will be just as productive.

As the Sophomore Class Treasurer and two-time SGA Treasurer of my high school, I have learned essentially what works and what doesn't. I have learned also to keep accurate records and make frugal but fair financial decisions. After reviewing the Student Activity Fees Allocation Committee (SAFAC) procedures, I have devised a procedure that if elected, I would like to implement that would fairly, quickly, and wisely distribute funding to the various campus clubs and organizations as well as meet the high standards that are found in the student handbook.

I am very excited about working with the different campus clubs and organizations to give them perhaps the most important support that the SGA can give -- financial, and if elected, I will have no qualms about serving justly, wisely, responsibly, and with integrity.

**Raquelle  
E. Thigpen**

It is in the same spirit of sisterhood, scholarship, and service that Spelman was founded on that I come before you as a candidate for treasurer of the Spelman Student Government Association. I have always been an individual who values concern coupled with action, rather than passive complaint. Because of my concern and sincere interest in the Spelman community as a whole, I am actively campaigning your support for the position of treasurer. The office of treasurer is extremely significant to me, for I am mathematically inclined, communicative and open to all sisters, and I am holistically organized in all that I do.

I do not come before you as an inexperienced candidate. My record sufficiently identifies me as someone willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of SSGA treasurer.

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**Keisha Renee George**

My name is Keisha Renee George, and I am an Junior English major from Midway, Georgia. I am the youngest of three girls, the oldest is an alumna of Spelman (1990). In high school, I was elected Class Secretary three consecutive years. Last year, I was elected President of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Chapel Choir of Morehouse College. Indeed, these offices are treasurable.

This year, I am running for the office of SSGA Treasurer, which oversees the disbursements of funds made by the SSGA Executive Board. Indeed, as Treas-

urer, my concerns are to sponsor fund-raisers and to support social events in which Spelman students are admitted free most, if not all of the time. Certainly, I want what is best for my fellow Spelman sisters.

Without a doubt, I know the value of money. I gave up a full scholarship and a \$400 stipend to come to Spelman, and if someone were to ask me now, "Keisha, was Spelman worth it?" My reply would be, "Yes, every moment, every second." My sisters, how do you value Spelman? I want to know. **VOTE KEISHA R. GEORGE**  
— SSGA TREASURER

fill the responsibilities of SSGA treasurer. This year, I serve as Recording Secretary of the Spelman Student Alumnae Association. This association is responsible for soliciting funds through the *Initiatives for the '90s Campaign*, while my position allowed me to serve as the right hand of the president. Through this experience, I learned the virtues of neatness and accountability. In the Girl Scouts of America, I am a diligent and caring Brownie Troop Leader. Through this capacity of volunteerism, I have promoted the ideals of courtesy, compassion, and collective responsibility. The Spelman College family could only benefit from such values. In addition to service, academia, and activism, I have always possessed, and always will possess, the leadership qualities which placed me in the position of student body president my senior year of high school.



# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Rukiya Bonner

A few months ago, I visited the archives section in the library. Out of curiosity, I looked through some of Spelman's old yearbooks. I saw pictures of young women enjoying themselves in what appeared to be coordinated activities outside. I saw pictures of excited sisters participating in forums and concerts.

Although Spelman continues its rich tradition with scheduled educational, social, and cultural gatherings, people don't seem as enthusiastic about attending. The participation in campus events is not representative of the spirit of the Spelman community.

According to Spelman's Constitution, it is the duty of the **Co-Social Chairs** to "plan and coordinate cultural, educational, and social activities". Not only can I plan such events, but I can make them spirited, so that one day a future sister will look in the archives at a 1995-96 Spelman yearbook and feel inspired.

## CO-SOCIAL CHAIR

### Adina Ellis

When I was thinking about the activities that I wanted to take part in for the school year of 1995-96, the Student Government Association was one of the first things that came to mind. After a couple of days of thought, I knew what position I would really enjoy, the position of **Co-Social Chair**. After reading the description of the position in my Spelman Handbook, it brought back memories of the position that I held on the Student Government Association while I was in High School. While in High School, I held the position of D.E.C.A., which stands for Director of ExtraCurricular Activities. The tasks that I performed while holding this position were very similar to the tasks listed in the Spelman Handbook for co-social chair. This is the reason why I am seeking this position; because I feel as though the job may not be as difficult as a result of my previous experience in planning, organizing, and promoting different school activities, as well as being the director of all of the Homecoming Events while I was in High School. This position will also enable me to meet and interact with the student body, as I plan to get as much input from them so that most of the activities planned will in fact appeal to them.

### Carrie L. Ellis

Seeking sisterhood, education, and fun were my reasons for coming to Spelman. In my past two years here, all three wishes have been fulfilled. One activity that has made my Spelman experience truly enlightening is being Co-Social Chairperson of the Sophomore class. Being Co-Social Chair has been an enjoyable experience that has enabled me to have fun planning events for my sisters while learning about cooperation and leadership. Activities ranging from a welcome party for the Freshwoman class of 1998 to a skating party during Sophomore Week have given me an opportunity to plan and execute different functions for Spelman women to enjoy together. I am seeking the position of Student Government Association **Co-Social Chair** because I would like the women of the Spelman community to participate in social, cultural, and educational events that will strengthen the bonds of sisterhood. Many of us come to Spelman to be amongst women quite like ourselves, thus my goal is to effectively create an agenda through the Student Government Association that will bring Spelman's phenomenal women together. Freshwomen through Seniors should be included in the search for sisterhood, education, and fun, and I would like to help in that search as Spelman's Student Government Association Co-Social Chairperson.

### Aisha Wilson

My name is Aisha Wilson and I am running for the position of Co-Social Chair in the SGA. This requires someone who is patient, capable, and truly motivated to do the best possible job. I am all of these things. I have the patience that is needed to work with the students of Spelman and find out what it is that they are interested in doing and what activities will actually attract people and their participation. I believe this is the most important aspect of social affairs that is overlooked. Even though there have been a significant amount of social events planned in the past, many of them do not receive the enthusiasm of the students. Secondly, I am capable of coming up with creative and interesting ideas for the women of Spelman to enjoy. Just in conversation with many of the women about campus, I have noticed that many of us share a grave interest in international cultures. I believe that it is important for African-American women to be familiar with all types of people and cultures. Having travelled to over 15 countries and having lived in three of the world's seven continents, I believe that I am more than capable of organizing some of the most colorful festivities and events that Spelman has ever seen. I would also like to use my capabilities to better the events we annually celebrate. One perfect example is our often overlooked Homecoming. Lastly, I am truly motivated to do my job as Co-Social chair. I will dedicate my time, my energy, my enthusiasm, and my self to do this job. "**Aisha Wilson as Co-Social Chair**" will definitely be a move in the right direction.

# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Mia Shanklin

As I, Mia Shanklin, walk around campus and mingle with souls and great minds alike, I sense a high degree of apathy. This sense of apathy, I believe, stems from a lack of attention students feel administration gives concerns and frustrations. When we entered these pearly gates of Spelman, our zealous natures were ignited to stand up for what we believe and become women who serve and women who lead. Unfortunately, our zealous natures have dimmed due to the presence of double-talk and double-troubles. Many feel that administration does not know or does not care about the concerns of Spelman women. Moreover, maintaining your sanity and completing class assignments while dealing with concerns such as inefficient food service is enough to make you reevaluate this enthusiastic spirit. Yet, as Spelman women we must not lose our inflamed essence. We must never succumb to the belief that our voice or our concerns are not significant enough to be addressed, for

it is this same apathetic virus that infiltrates many African-American communities. If we are truly women who serve and women who lead, then we must be concerned women who promote change. As a member of S.W.A.C. and chairperson of its Residential Life Committee, I gained not only an understanding of the administration's responsibilities to students' concerns, but students' concerns at many administrative issues. I revived my zeal and decided that I would like to help administration better understand and address the concerns of students. Furthermore, I desire to aid in eradicating the apathy invading the Spelman community as I pursue the office of Co-Advisory Chair of the Spelman Student Government Association.

## Danielle V. Whitworth

At the impressionable age of twelve, I had the privilege of seeing the most dynamic speaker, Attorney Patricia Russell McCloud. She questioned, "If not you, who? If not now, when?" It

was at this point that I made the choice to make a change in the world. Two years later, she returned to my hometown with a speech entitled "Monday's Coming". She again taught me to take a stand for what I believe. When I entered Spelman, I immediately became active. Spelman is a wonderful place, but far from perfect. It is up to you, my sisters, and me to help lift Spelman move into the twentieth century. We can start with the Student Government Association. More specifically, I can make a change as the Student Government Association Co-Advisory Chair. After serving as the Judiciary Representative of the Sophomore Class Council, I decided that I must continue to make changes. I want to make those changes by serving as Co-Advisory Chair of the Student Government Association because "Monday's Coming" and the time is now.

# CO-ADVISORY CHAIR



# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Alana Dionne Mathews Davis

Greetings, my Spelman Sisters! My name is Alana Dionne Mathews Davis and I am seeking the position of Ms. Spelman. As I enter the last phase of the Spelman journey, I want to be certain that I can give to her all that she has given to me. Above all the treasures I've collected on this journey, sisterhood is one of the most valuable ones. Words cannot explain the significance of the bonds I have formed with African-American women around the country and world. As Ms. Spelman, I would build upon these experiences to extend the sisterhood to many African-American women as possible. Particularly those women in need, such as women who have been sexually, physically, emotionally, and/or mentally abused; women who are illiterate, unemployed, and unaccounted for. As Spelman women, we are encouraged to soar as high as we want despite racist and sexist obstacles. We are encouraged to continue on the paths of our foremothers who have gone before us, and to leave a trail for our daughters to follow. As Ms. Spelman, I would encourage Spelman women to keep room open for a sister to go alongside of them. As a volunteer counselor for troubled young girls, intern at a Community Development Corporation, and patron of the Welfare and Homeless Rights Union, I am aware of that need. As a past member of Dormitory House Councils (Howard-Harrel, LLCI), Spelman Student Admissions, Junior Class Council, and several other campus organizations, I am aware of the sisters whose talents and abilities can service those in need. I am seeking the position of Ms. Spelman to continue the legacy of building African-American Womanhood, and to extend the experience of African-American Sisterhood.

## Christal M. Jackson

The greatest weapon against the destruction of a people is through the acknowledgment of who they are. WE the women of Spelman College have been invested with a power that forces us to stretch our WINGS and FLY!

As your Ms. Spelman, I anxiously await the opportunity to help repair my SISTERS' broken WINGS; shattered dreams, undirected gifts and talents, and negative self-concepts in the Spelman community and the surrounding community through my community service project, SISTERS WITH WINGS.

This project will entail the implementation of support groups, MY SISTER'S KEEPER, which will help US to embrace the realities of OUR lives which make US unique, and the fostering of PURER SIS-

TER relationships which have been defiled by the powers that be. The second phase of this project will be a mentoring program, IN HER STEPS, which will provide US the women of Spelman to help retrace our journey for our younger cojourners. This program will focus on the wholistic development of young African-American women. This project will be capped off with the publication of our own stories of SURVIVAL. The third and final phase of this project will be a weekend retreat on Hilton Head Island where we will celebrate our journey thus far and depart with an air of expectation, hope, and renewal. This dream that I share for YOU can become a reality with YOUR help.

## CANDIDATES FOR Ms. Spelman

### Kamaria S. George

My name is Kamaria Sharifa George and I am running for Ms. Spelman. I recognize that Spelman College is training ground for leaders. As women of excellence when we come through these gates, we are further challenged to go out in the world and tear down the darkness and desolation in which we live. As we continue on the road to success, one word comes to mind: perseverance. The path is not always easy but we must press on, because we know that if we keep enduring, if we keep trying, we will be able to make a difference. However, sometimes, we need someone to give us that extra push we need to keep moving forward. This type of togetherness is something we need more of. One way we can achieve this is through Sister's Keepers which is a program I am developing, of students who would agree to encourage one another, and each student would also adopt a student from a local high-school and instill in them a deeper will to succeed.

Another way to help encourage students is by helping students buy books. By including all organizations on campus, we can have fundraisers to raise the money needed so no student will have to go without books. This encourages a person by letting them know that the student body cares about their progress in school; it's also a good feeling to know that you've helped someone else.

In retrospect, we all need encouragement. I would like to challenge everyone to uplift someone today. Sometimes a smile or a hug may be all someone needs.

Intelligence, tempered with sophistication, strengthened by a knowledge of herself. The total embodiment of the Spelman woman is what I am aspiring to represent for this community. Since the beginning of my matriculation at Spelman almost three years ago, I have been one of her biggest ambassadors. I believe that although we have our problems, Spelman is an experience that all Black women should have at some point in their lives. When asked what I like most about Spelman, I can never share all of my thoughts. I never know whether to tell people about the Afrocentric perspective from which some of my classes are taught, or the sisterhood that I have experienced, or about my wonderful Freshwoman experiences, or the clubs and organizations to which I am a part. It is difficult to know where to begin. When all has been said and done, it never fails that discussing Spelman with someone who is unfamiliar with my school reaffirms my love for her. It is with this love that I am actively pursuing the SSGA position of Ms. Spelman. As Ms. Spelman, I will strengthen the bonds of sisterhood in both our Spelman community and the community at large.

### Nicole Tillman, or Erica Traylor (no name)

Agents of change, that is what we are. I have watched us bring understanding to our little sister who cannot grasp the concept of multiplication. I have observed us bringing love and concern into the hospital room of our little brothers with terminal diseases. I have even seen us bring our little sisters and brothers to our homes and brothers to our homes to shelter them from the violent tendencies of their own. However, it is time that we, the women of Spelman, reinvest our time and talents into our own home and family as well.

The most powerful motive behind my interest in the office of Ms. Spelman is the essence of what is my sisters' need. It wakes up my whole nature, the powers that learn as well as those that perform. It generates the vigor of interest that suppresses selfishness and cowardice. As Ms. Spelman, I will not seek to create a utopian society, that is unrealistic. I do aim to clear the path and continue to lay the footprints in the sand for future travellers as well as those on board now. I recognize and hope you will too, that where there is no deposit there is no return.

Positive action is the key that unlocks the future we desire. I look to a revival of sisterhood on this campus that is not based on condition, organization, religious, economic or social backgrounds. Together we stand; by ourselves we fall flat. Whatever I do or plan as Ms. Spelman, I will share my gifts. I recognize that I am only a part of the rest of our collective. My tenure will be one focused on reinvestment.

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## Candidates for Class

PRESIDENT  
Morenike Christian

*People young and old have repeatedly asked me the reasons why Spelman was my first choice. I have consistently responded by expressing the fact that Spelman for me, is a dream come true. Spelman is notorious for molding African American females into strong leaders. I, Morenike "MO" Christian, look to Spelman for assistance in solidifying my leadership ability. Yet without the desire . . . without a plan, it would be virtually impossible to answer my calling as a leader. Now, as I look forward to my Sophomore year, I wonder why I have chosen to run for Class of 1998 President. Is it the money? What money? Is it the power? No. Is it the greed? No. Could it be that I am willing, able, and ready? Yes.*

*Willing means that I am always open to new ideas and I desire to do new and different activities which could set new standards. Ready means that I don't simply talk about a plan, but I am ready to execute ideals. And able means that I have the capacity to accomplish the goal of the collective group. These things in essence are a few qualifications that exemplify good leadership. This, I, Morenike Christian, feel that I am a capable candidate for Sophomore President.*

## Vice-President

## Saptosa Foster

Leadership can take on various forms. From the local community center director to your physical education teacher on up to the President of the United States, strong and effective leaders aren't just those who preach into a microphone to a cheering crowd of thousands. Some of the most profound leaders have never been seen or heard of by the masses, yet they exist and dwell behind the social scene. I consider myself one of those "underground dwellers" who busily maintains the political balance between leader and follower.

Thus, I seek the position of vice-presi-

dent of the Sophomore Class — an office which normally has a vague purpose. However, whether I am Parliamentarian or President, my purpose is to bring action and progress to the Class of 1998. Indeed, I am all about making "power moves" when it comes to carrying out tasks and responsibilities. Furthermore, I like to complain. And it is because of my infinite unrest, that I always get involved in the system which governs me. Therefore, by becoming Vice-President I can not only have a voice in student politics but I can also help my fellow class mates have a good time here at Spelman.

Co-Social Chair  
Kaia Alderson

Imagine this:

Phat beats pumpin' out of Lower Manley or, maybe even out of Sisters Chapel . . . Staying awake during Convocation and having an interest in the speaker's topic because you suggested it . . .

These events are not so much imagination but future possibilities if you vote for me, Kaia Alderson for Sophomore Class Co-Social Chair.

My goal for next year is for the Sophomore Class Council to sponsor at least one Sisters Chapel Convo-

cation. Let's face it, if we are required to go to Convocation, we can at least make it better by being responsible for picking the topic and speaker, and organizing at least some of them.

If you vote for me, you can be assured that your opinions will be given fair consideration when social activities are planned. Tell me what you want! Maybe you want the Council to sponsor a concert or movie sneak preview. I have contacts in the entertainment industry so look forward to possibly seeing the next Hip-Hop sensation performing at Sisters Chapel or Watching *Waiting To Exhale* weeks before its release.

JUDICIARY  
REPRESENTATIVE

Physical exhaustion, a sense of accomplishment, constant fatigue, helping others, loss of free time, earned respect, people griping to you, people thanking you, helping your fellow officers, serving the community as a whole. These descriptions accurately portray the chaos of Freshwoman Week and go part and parcel with every leadership position that I've ever held. Yet, despite the grueling work involved and the lack of recognition received, serving my peers is something that I've always enjoyed doing.

As my tenure as dorm secretary started winding down, I was looking for another opportunity to survey my Spelman sisters, particularly those of the upcoming Sophomore Class. While looking through the Spelman handbook, (Eureka!) I found it. The office of Sophomore Class Judiciary Representative is the one that struck my fancy. As an English major and possible future lawyer, I feel that this office would allow me to serve Spelman to the fullest of my capabilities while learning a little bit about this field.

I feel that I am very qualified for the position of Judiciary Representative. As dorm secretary, I have worked well with other house council members, become familiar with most of the people in my dorm and spent countless hours assisting in preparations for Freshwoman Week and other activities. I think most people who know me would characterize me as a mostly fair, reasonable, even-tempered, easily accessible, impartial person; just a few of the qualities I feel a Judiciary Representative should possess. Also, in high school (I hate to go back that far, but I gotta do it), I served on the Moot Court Team, winning fourth place and being named MVL (Most Valuable Lawyer), so I have some experience with legal issues and punitive infractions. So, I urge you to please consider me, Nova Smith (betcha thought I'd never tell you my name) for Sophomore Class Judiciary Representative.

It could happen . . . if that's what you want.

But all you see here are the opinions and suggestions of one member of the Class of 1998. I am interested in hearing about more ideas from the rest of the class and, hopefully, bringing them to life. I am not promising miracles. I am only suggesting possibilities.

My intentions for seeking this position are sincere. I am interested in pursuing a career in some aspect of the entertainment industry and serving you as the class Co-Social Chair will be good practical experience for me.

Reach for the possibilities, vote for Kaia Alderson for Sophomore Class Co-Social Chair.



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## Class of 1998 Offices

TREASURER  
Zakia Davis

I want to be the Sophomore Class Treasurer for a number of reasons. First, I want to get involved in SSGA because I enjoy serving and representing my class. I think that being on SSGA will give me the opportunity to do so, as well as give me a chance to interact and give back to the Spelman community. I specifically want to be Treasurer because every year people have tons of good ideas for projects and activities but often times they don't realize how much money is involved and without a good Treasurer to keep track of the flow of money, many projects go undone.

As last year's Treasurer I have plenty of experience. I know how to put on a successful project at minimal cost. If elected, my goal is to make sure that the Sophomore Class Treasury is full and that there is no confusion about how much money we, as a class, have and how much we want to make. Furthermore, I also want to be helpful in planning creative activities that can be fund-raisers for both our class and the community. We are on a solid financial ground now and it is necessary that we continue to build off our first year profits. Along with the current Freshwomen Class Council, I have helped lay the ground work for our financial success, let me continue to work for you and your money. Vote for Zakia Davis as Sophomore Class Treasurer.

## Felicia Jackson

Currently, I am the Treasurer of my Freshwoman dorm. During this last semester and a half, I have definitely learned the true meaning of hard work. As we all know, house council has two main goals: to unite the dorm and to raise money for the dorm to have a successful Freshwoman week. I feel that my Freshwoman dorm's house council achieved both of these goals. I also feel that I played a very significant part in making these things happen. I also feel that these are two goals that our Freshwoman Class Council attempted to accomplish, but they never were successful. If elected Treasure of the Freshwoman Class, I plan on making both of these goals a reality for the Class of 1998.

Unity is the main issue I would like to focus on. After Freshwoman week, I am very positive that at all member of the Class of 1998 will begin to unify. But I want to make sure it happens. I feel that more activities among our class should take place. If elected, I plan on having at least one class social a semester. This is a way for me to get to know the people that I will be seeing when I accept my diploma. It is also a chance for them to get to know me. Everyone says that you meet your friends for life in college and the way I feel is that it should not just be the people that you stayed with in your Freshwoman dorm.

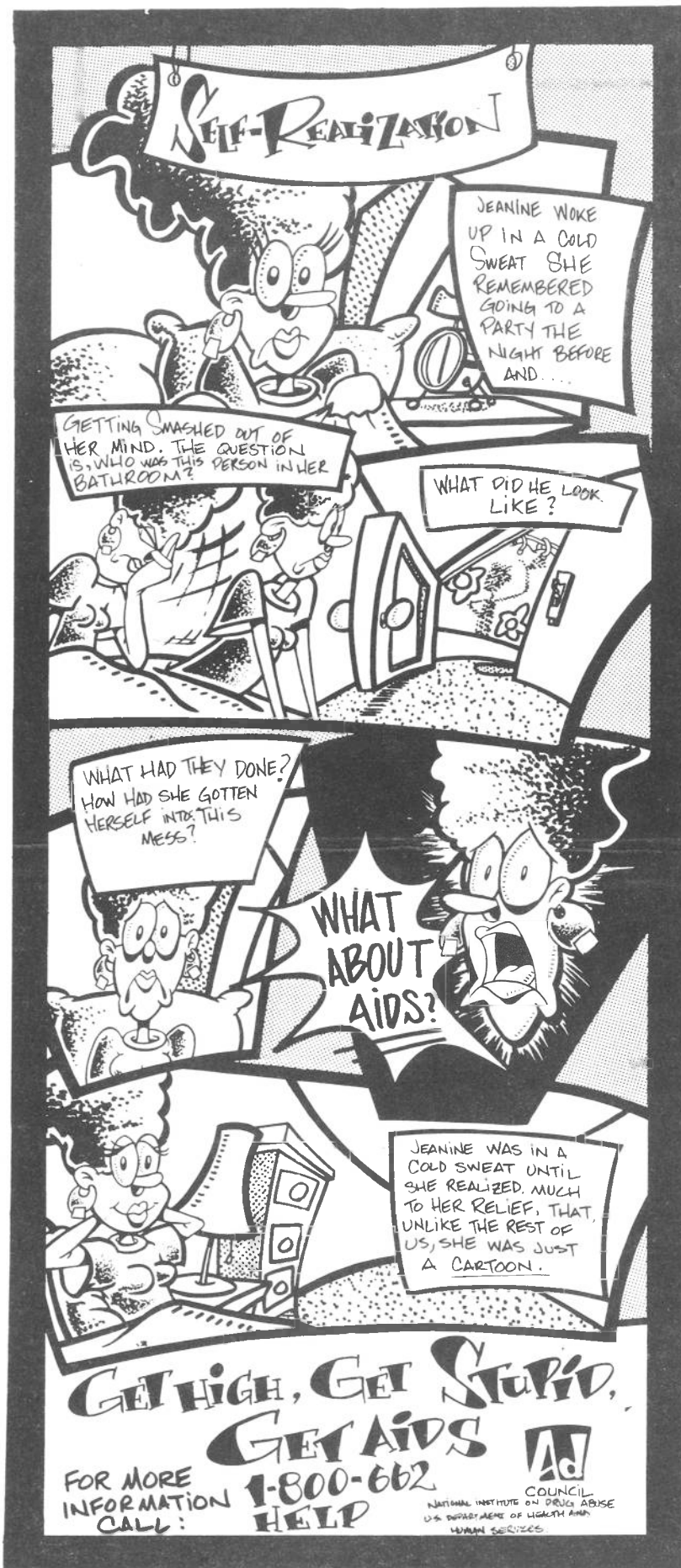
As an outsider looking in, I know that our class may not have a lot of money in its account. What I plan on doing is having fund raisers to raise money. It is also necessary that we encourage all class members to pay their class dues. I know that this involves a lot of hard work and long hours, but I am willing to dedicate my time to uplift my class. The more money our class raises will help us have a beautiful graduation. Also if we raise enough money, we can buy our class some of the small things involved in Senior year such as the kente cloths. I love the Class of 1998, and I want to give all I can to make it the best one to walk through Spelman's gates.

## Kyra Sutton

The words hardworking, receptive, dedicated, loyal, and outgoing are characteristics that describe **Kyra Sutton**. I am seeking the office of Sophomore Class Treasurer because, I am concerned about creating and maintaining a budget that will allow the class to participate in a variety of activities. Secondly, I am interested in incorporating a lot of activities that involves active communication between the student body and the Sophomore Class Council. I want to encourage this interaction because I believe the class council can only be successful if all of the Sophomore Class members have a voice.

As Treasurer of the Sophomore Class, I will manage the money wisely so when the Sophomore Class wants to do an activity, the resources will be available. Also, I will be available to the Sophomore Class so they can share their ideas about fundraisers and events they would like to participate in. Most importantly, I want to be a member of the Sophomore Class Council because I want to give back to the Sophomore Class that they are being well represented.

Briefly, I am qualified for the position for the following reasons. This past year I gained the experience of working with the SSGA, by serving as Freshwoman Representative. Secondly, throughout high school I served on the boards of several community service organizations. Also, I am an Economics major and I have a great concern for money being spent and invested very wisely. Lastly, I am willing to dedicate my time to attend to all of the responsibilities a Treasurer must take care of.



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**YOUR VOTE**  
**MAKES**  
**A DIFFERENCE**

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# SSGA PRESIDENTIAL

## HOPE FOR A GREATER S P E L M A N

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*To provide dynamic  
leadership*  
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signifies one of the duties of Spelman presidency. For a greater Spelman, the SSGA President serves as an agent of change and an advocate of innovation. For a greater Spelman, she works to provide an open student government association where students come first and officers' agendas come second. For a greater Spelman, the president portrays boldness, strength, and direction. She lends attention not just to getting the job done but making the student body aware of the work that transpires.

I implore the students of Spelman College to elect me as their **HOPE** for a greater Spelman. With all the potential of Spelman students and government association, our collaborative efforts to elevate Spelman and her excellence will extend to a higher plane. The foundation of good managements, organization, and format has been laid before us through the energetic, hard work of the present SSGA. Now its time for the structure of openness,

information and empowerment.

Through my presidency, I desire to establish an association that is constituent, user-friendly. In my experiences working as a Georgia legislative Intern, I focused on fulfilling the needs of constituents. Answering questions, making information more readily available, and creating avenues of participation and interaction were a part of my continuous duties to create a more open and successful relationship between constituents and officials. In the SSGA, the same accessibility and connection between those empowered to elect and those elected to represent should be fostered.

Throughout this campaign, my platform encompasses efforts in making Spelman greater by getting the Spelman community involved in SSGA and informed about SSGA actions and events. Openness, information, and empowerment are the elements that create a successful and dynamic student body and SSGA relationship.

*For a greater Spelman, please elect me, Hope Demps, as SSGA President.*

Hello. My name is Charlotte Ducksworth. When I was asked why I was seeking the position of Spelman Student Government President, the concept of potential lingered in my mind. Potential is defined as a dormant ability, reserved power and untapped strength. As I talked with fellow Spelmankies, I realized that untapped reserves needed to be tapped and provided with an avenue through which to release their strength. I want to provide that avenue.

I am seeking this position because I see that avenues can be provided in the areas of

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*Charlotte Ducksworth*

Experienced, assertive dynamic leader seeks support. Very creative Flexible schedule. Causes include accepting the responsibility of diversity and building a better lifestyle for students on campus and off. Open-minded. This year's accomplishments include designing and directing the Spelman Senate, developing referendums on Spelman's participation in NCAA Division II and creating a Day of Meta Noia (class-free day built into semester calendar for rest and relaxation). Originated mandate to send all Spelman flyers to disability services for the visually impaired. All referendums received 100% support. Works on Mayor's Collegiate Council and New Student Orientation Committee. Directed Senate Holistic Development Week. Committed to ending race, class, and gender oppression. Sends weekly affirmations over telemonitor thru "Donyelle's Weekly," and established Spelman Rape Awareness Coalition as 3rd Attendant with minimal Budget. Diligent, congenial. Generated student interest in evaluating male visitation policy. Proficient in parliamentary procedures and cutting red tape. If you are a Spelman student looking for easier on campus living, commuter efficiency, holistic development, support for diversity and a good time, Vote DONYELLE McCRAY for SSGA President!  
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## Corresponding Secretary

### Kenya H. Jacobs

My name is Kenya H. Jacobs. I am a mathematics major from Port Arthur, Texas. I was active in the Spelman Student Admissions Organization this year, as well as working with Ayoluwa Dance Company during the first semester.

I feel that the Corresponding Secretary position is vital to any organization. I, if elected, would be responsible for maintaining not only an accurate record of all incoming information, but all outgoing data. I have served in this capacity in several organizations and I know that my writing, computer literacy and public relations skills will be utilized.

Why am I running for Corresponding Secretary? This position would benefit the Sophomore Class and myself in two

ways. It would allow me to become more involved in the procedures and guidelines followed by the SSGA and it would allow me to prove my capabilities to my class. This is of the greatest importance because if the class can't trust the officers that represent them to make decisions in their best self interest who can they depend on to address their needs?

I am not going to encourage you to vote for me without hearing what the other candidates have to say. If I am the best candidate then please vote for me, but if my skills aren't comparable to those of another candidate I encourage you to support her. This is because I will come out a winner regardless of who wins, because as a member of the class I can only benefit from the best candidate winning.

# Class of 1997

for you. If you have an idea that you would like to make a reality, don't hesitate to come to me. I am never afraid of blazing new trails. As a class, I would like to see us unify and work towards becoming more active in the community as well as on campus. As we grow closer to one another and our common goal of uplifting Spelman.

### Shana Rooks

Hello, My Spelman sisters! My name is Shana Rooks, some of you know me by **Shan**. I want to be your **Junior Class Vice-President**. I feel that I am the **NEW** innovative, open-minded leader we want and need for Junior class Vice President for the Class of 1997.

Most of you who know me or who have had an encounter with me, know that I greet you with a warm, friendly smile and an open ear. I want to take your ideas and implement them. Yes, I am a strong, positive leader, but I am not a dictator. We are all here at Spelman because we have something to offer. As **YOUR** Junior Class Vice President I vow to do anything to draw us closer as a class as we approach our graduation year of 1997.

**VOTE SHANA ROOKS  
JUNIOR CLASS VICE  
PRESIDENT**

Thank you

### Tracy M. Adams

It has often been said that a people who do not know

where they have been, cannot possibly know where they are going. It is therefore very important that every event that transpires, every action that is made be noted. This will ensure that people present may reflect upon and future generations may learn from our history in the making. The Spelman College community has a very rich history that has been preserved and passed down from class to class, Spelman sister to Spelman sister. As the history of our esteemed institution was passed on to me, I want the chance to do the same for others. I have had numerous experiences of serving in this capacity of recording secretary. As recording secretary of the Junior class, I would honestly endeavor to ensure that all the triumphs and tribulations, the successes and shortcomings are recorded thoroughly, accurately, and efficiently.

### Nicole Washington

Being that Spelman is such as diverse school, it is hard to form a relationship with everyone on campus. However, holding an office on the Junior Class Council will allow me to form a bond with other class members on the level of communication and participation.

As Corresponding Secretary, I will have the opportunity to communicate effectively with other class member through newsletters and various forms of information. Because communication is essential to provide for the needs of the entire class, I want to ensure that all class members are aware of any event affecting them so that their input and opinions will aid the decision making process.

Through the participation of class members, a close bond

### Audrey Calhoun

Greetings, my fellow Spelman sisters, *my name is Audrey Calhoun, though many of you know me as Nikki*, and I am seeking the position of **Junior Class President** because I feel that it is time for the Class of 1997 to experience a change. I believe the only way that change can be made is through quality leadership. In the almost two years that I have been at Spelman, I have noticed that the same "group" of women are involved in the governmental aspect of our school. Along with this "group", I have also observed that many of our views, ideas, and concerns as a class go unnoticed. This is not to say that we have been misrepresented as a class, but simply that the leadership capabilities of those who are currently in office have not been used to their highest potential. If we as rising Juniors wish to experience a leadership that has even better communication abilities, even more responsibility, and even more respect for its fellow sisters, then we must make the necessary changes in our class government. This change can be initiated by electing a President, such as myself, who cares for her class in the sense that she is willing to do

everything possible to successfully lead the Class of 1997 during our Junior year at Spelman.

### Lesley Williams

Empty complaints have never been the seeds of productivity. However, fresh ideas supported with diligent labor give rise to great things. These may seem like mere flowery words, but they simply state: complaining never accomplished anything.

This is the motto that I try to implement in my life. Whenever I find myself talking about how things should be done I stop and ask myself, "What contribution have I made?" If the answer is "none", then there is no room for my grumbling.

For example, last year I saw a need for a Spelman based support group to young girls in science, math, and engineering. Instead of complaining because such a program was not in action, I took the initiative and started a program myself. To date, the WISE Big Sisters program boasts seventy-five Spelman students and little sisters. Only through diligent labor was my goal achieved.

As President of our class, I will use this same initiative to work



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will be formed. By volunteer sign-ups, the Class of 1997 will be exposed not only to the ideas of all the juniors, but to the active involvement also. I would like to be responsible for ensuring that this bond will be formed by reaching out to class members and communicating effectively. My involvement on the Junior Class Council will benefit the entire Class of '97.

### Alysan Humphrey

My name is Alysan Humphrey and I would like to be your next Junior Class Parliamentarian. I have the qualities, the drive, and the ability to work hard for the Class of 1997. I want to get involved with this council because I feel I can make a difference. I have knowledge of the parliamentary procedure and I'm willing to work for an effective council. As we begin to prepare for our Senior year, the class council should be willing and able to provide activities and information that will benefit you. On April 20, please remember to vote for Alysan Humphrey for Junior Class Parliamentarian.

### Tamara Rasberry

In order to maximize the "Spelman Experience", it is important to participate in all that our beloved school has to offer. As Treasurer of the Junior Class Council, I will take it upon myself to encourage full participation of the Class of 1997.

Our class has had a good time together, but it is time to get serious for what lies ahead. Our first priority is increase class participation. We need to implement the Class of 1997 directory and newsletter that we discussed last year.

Although I have never held a Spelman class office, I am very active on campus organizations. To the position of treasurer, I will bring my experience, ideas, and enthusiasm. Let's work together and lead our class on a memorable journey toward 1997.

### Dalita Davis

My name is Dalita Davis and I am looking for an "equal opportunity" to apply my skills to the challenging position as Junior Class Co-Social Chairperson. This will move me into the center of action between the council members and the upcoming

Junior Class while giving me a range of experience. My focus is community service and I would like to offer our upcoming Junior Class a variety of options. I honestly feel that in a constantly evolving world, we have learned that the ability to change and grow is vital to our success, and definitely vital to the Class of 1997. This is one of the reasons why I want to be involved in an interesting challenge that will allow me to grow while learning from my experiences. I am an excellent candidate for Junior Class Co-Social Chairperson because I have a willingness to treat others with respect, honesty, and decency, and to work in a team atmosphere to accomplish common goals. You, my peers, are the democratic voice of Spelman and it is imperative that you vote for individuals who are sincerely interested in office and not just running for recognition and popularity. Please do not let this campaign be result of haphazard decisions and misconceptions. I need your support in my endeavor to succeed. I am asking for your support because I genuinely want to serve on the council. So please vote for individuals based on ability, loyalty to the candidate. Therefore, I am depending on the Class of 1997 to help me implement and promote my ideas for the Junior Class during the 1995-96 school year.

### Tracey Daily

My name is Tracey Daily and I am running for the office of Co-Publicity Chairman of the Junior Class. During my past two years here at Spelman, I've witnessed how the student government has done an excellent job of informing the students of the activities that go on here at Spelman. Anytime that I am out on campus I am aware of what is happening. I want to be an integral part of informing my sisters of the events that are going on; not only social activities, but educational and cultural as well. I have experienced many years in student government and am familiar with what it takes to be an effective publicity chairman. My assertiveness, creativity, and dependability are qualities which I feel make me qualified for this job.

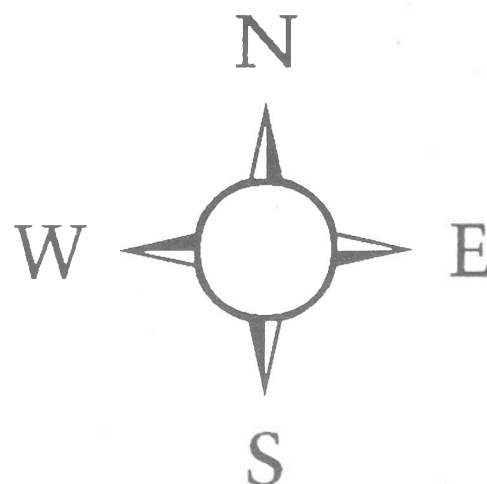
### Anika M. Calloway

My name is Anika M. Calloway and I am seeking the position of Spelman Student

Government Association Junior Class Representative. As an Executive Board member of the Sophomore Class Council, I have had the opportunity to work for the Sophomore Class. I found my year to be very rewarding, fun, and an excellent experience. Through the Sophomore Class Council, I worked on various projects such as the canned food drive for the Homeless shelter, PizzaHut pizzasale to raise money for the Sophomore Class, Jazz Night, and a clothing drive for the needy. I believe that working to help organize such events gave me the experience and qualifications needed to further serve the Class of 1997. I feel that it is very important that the Junior Class and the Spelman Student Government Association work together efficiently and diligently. I hope to represent the Class of 1997 providing a constructive and responsible liaison. I understand the importance of working together as Spelman sisters to continue the legacy sisterhood. I feel as though working together productively can ensure a rewarding Junior school year.

### Beth M. James

Greetings to the Class of 1997! My name is Beth M. James and I am seeking the Office of Junior Class Judiciary Representative. If elected, I will serve on the Spelman College Judiciary Board. My duties will involve hearing cases, making important decisions, and enforcing penalties when disciplinary actions are necessary. I feel that I am well suited for this office because I possess the qualities of an individual who is fair-minded and mature enough in order to sit in judgement of others. I hold the integrity of this college in high regard. Therefore, I will work diligently to ensure that the standards of this fine institution of higher learning are upheld.



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# Senior Class

# PRESIDENT

## Kristen D. Folsom

Not long ago, I came to realize that students were graduating from Spelman College with packages of the "Spelman Experience" that were deficient. I had to wonder why nothing was being done, and came to the conclusion that perhaps no one had cared about the social and academic extras that some may have missed. But instead of complaining and sitting back and allowing the losses to be "someone else's problem", I took an initiative and decided to seek the office of Senior Class President.

As President of the Senior Class of 1996, I pledge my dedication to the concerns of my peers and my diligence in working towards obtaining responses to and implement action upon those concerns.

After soliciting the opinions of several classmates concerning what they hoped to see implemented, I compiled a list of popular interests as well as my personal goals that I will strive to achieve.

Among other tasks, I will strive to: (1) Make certain that those students studying at GA Tech, the current and returning domestic and study abroad students, and those graduating in December will be kept well-informed about the events taking place at Spelman; (2) Fortify the communication between administration and faculty and the students so that there will be no graduation prerequisite

surprises at the last minute; (3) Encourage continued interest in and support for community service; (4) Improve publicity tactics for those students living off campus; (5) Strengthen the unity within the Class of 1996; and (6) Eliminate the apathy generally shown towards recreational as well as educational class events.

It is my sincere objective to warrant that the Senior Class of 1996 will not graduate with regrets and disappointments over something that **could have been done**. If I am awarded this position, the Class of 1996 can be certain that the common goals, necessities, interests, and concerns will be given attention.

## Heidi M. Sanders

Greetings. My name is Heidi M. Sanders. I am a twenty-year-old Junior Economics and Political Science major with a love for my class and vision for the future. I am pursuing re-election as President of the Class of 1996.

I am seeking this position of Senior Class President because I realize that it is a job that carries enormous responsibility and calls for experienced leadership, vision, and creativity. I am certain that I possess those qualities that are required to handle the challenges of Senior Class office.

It is with enthusiasm that I look to continue the success that our class has enjoyed this year. As "one of the most active Junior Class Councils

Spelman has ever had", our class council achieved its goals of fostering community service projects with the elderly, holding a successful Big Sister/Little Sister Tea, and sponsoring various fundraisers and social events. I am certain that our Senior Class Council can achieve a wealth of goals as well.

If elected, I intend to ensure that our class will have quality social events; that our Senior Class trip will be well organized and enjoyable; that Seniors will always be fully informed of important issues relating to graduation; that all Seniors will have the opportunity to be actively involved in the Senior Class Council through attending and voicing opinions at meetings -- which will be open, through volunteering for committee work, and through participation in social events; and finally, I plan to have the council work cooperatively with the Morehouse Senior Class Council as the opportunity arises in order to plan joint events with our brothers in the Class of 1996.

As I use the skills and knowledge I have obtained in council work over the past two years to help fine-tune the workings of a dynamic organization in the pursuit of excellence, I intend to work unceasingly to make this upcoming year an outstanding one for the Class of 1996. May we all share the vision of excellence as we pursue our goals and dreams.



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## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

## Candidates

## Melissa Agnew

The sensational Spelman Class of 1996 is an historical one. Not only are we the largest class ever at this fine institution, but we will graduate in the midst of the world-famous Olympic Games. As a member of this class, I want more than anything for us to leave this institution with dignity and style; and if I am given the opportunity to serve as your Senior Class Vice-President, I will go beyond the call of duty to make this vision a reality. If elected vice-president, I will implement community service projects in conjunction with the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. Furthermore, since the key to success is working together, I will actively pursue the input of the entire class on decisions usually made by the executive board. After all, if we all give a

little and work as a unified group, I know that we can and will be the best class ever at Spelman College. I look forward to working and bonding with each one of my classmates, and I hope that you will grant me the privilege of serving as your Senior Class Vice-President.

## Kimberly A. Worthy

My name is Kimberly Ann Worthy and I am running for Senior Class Vice-President. I am a Political Science major from Silver Spring, Maryland. Some of my past honors and achievements include President of the SGA at Edmund Burke High School as well as Junior Class President. I have been involved in several government associations, including the Political Science Society for two years. Community

Service is a very important part of my life. Since I was twelve years old I have been involved in service project such as the Adopt-A-Class program and the Love Alive teen group. My Sophomore Year I became active with Yes! Atlanta where I support youth in the juvenile court system. Upon graduating in 1996, I plan on attending Northeastern Law School concentrating on Public Policy Law and plan on one day becoming active in the Washington, D.C. political arena.

I believe I have the qualifications required to not only represent the Class of 1996, but also serve as a liaison between the Student Government Association and the Senior Class student body. In office I would organize and implement several successful community service projects for the Senior Class. The fi-

nal reason I am running for Senior Class Vice-President is because I love and am committed to the Class of 1996. I want to help make this our most memorable year ever.



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Sandra Jennings

*Greetings my Junior Class sisters!!*

My name is Sandra Jennings and currently I serve as corresponding secretary of the Junior Class Council. Because of such a productive year in that office I am excited and anxious to serve on the Senior Class Council as Corresponding Secretary.

This distinct office requires a responsible and organized person, such as myself, to effectively correspond with class members as well as the Spelman and local communities.

I primarily seek this office to assure that each member is abreast of upcoming deadlines and class-related activities; especially as it relates to graduation. To assure clarity of events, notifications will be made through a monthly newsletter paper that I will implement, if elected.

As we prepare for our final year at Spelman you can help plan for a productive and successful experience by voting for a dependable candidate — Sandra.

*Thank you.*

# SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

Dear Sisters of the Class of 1996,

My name is LaShanda Taylor and I am running for the office of Senior Class Judiciary Representative for the simple fact that I am sincere about my dedication to the Class of 1996 and Spelman College as a whole. I have seen many changes during my three years at Spelman, yet despite these changes I have held strong to my belief that in order to move forward one must be willing to dedicate oneself to a cause. My cause is the Class of 1996 and ensuring that our last year here at Spelman is as memorable and exciting as possible.

I understand that many people on this campus are apprehensive about voting for candidates who make big promises and deliver little results. I also understand that many times people run for offices for reasons which do not include any sincere desire or sentiments. However, I am running for the office of Senior Class Judiciary Representative because I have trust in myself and my ability to move forward in the direction which will most benefit my sisters of the Class of 1996.

To briefly highlight my experience, I have been extremely active on Spelman's campus, as well as in the Atlanta community. I served as Freshwoman Class Judiciary Representative and also served on the Judiciary Board as the President of the Commuter Club in 1993/4.

As you can see, I have the experience and the dedication necessary to qualify me as a strong candidate for the position of Senior Class Judiciary Representative for the 1995/6 school year.

I encourage you to take time during the election period to not only vote, but also listen to speeches and decide for yourself who you feel are the best candidates. Use your voting power to decide who will make your Senior year the most memorable. Thank you!

## TREASURER

### Tajahnee Vaughan

Why am I seeking the position of Senior Class Treasurer is the question at hand. A person is needed who: provides evidence of initiative, is responsible, possesses leadership skills, is interested in the welfare of the Senior Class as well as the other officers and most of all someone who

is friendly and ready to service. I, Tajahnee Vaughan, amid that Spelman woman who is composed of all of these attributes that is why I am seeking the position of Senior Class Treasurer.

I have a genuine interest in the well-being of the student body. I have the ability to work well with people, manage accounts and prepare financial statements therefore, I will be an effective overseer of the Senior Class funds. I plan to demonstrate all of these qualities mentioned above with competence and a high level of professionalism.

If a person say that they will do a job and when the time comes for the tasks to be carried out they are unable to fulfill the task at hand the Senior Class will not run smoothly or with the caliber of professionalism as it has been run in the past or to its fullest potential. Also, graduation would be affected by mismanagement of funds which will not occur if I am elected. I am a person who says that they will complete a task and executes it with efficiency. This is a major component of the position I am seeking therefore, it is important to elect someone who does not complete task haphazardly.

I will perform my duties above and beyond what is expected if elected to this position. With Tajahnee Vaughan as Senior Class Treasurer, the Senior Class will thrive and reach its highest plateau. I am the best candidate for the position because I am dedicated to progress and believe in team work. I will do a phenomenal job.

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in your lamps. Drink your

coffee or tea

out of

mugs

instead of

throwaway

cups. Set up a

recycling bin for

aluminum cans

and one for bottles.

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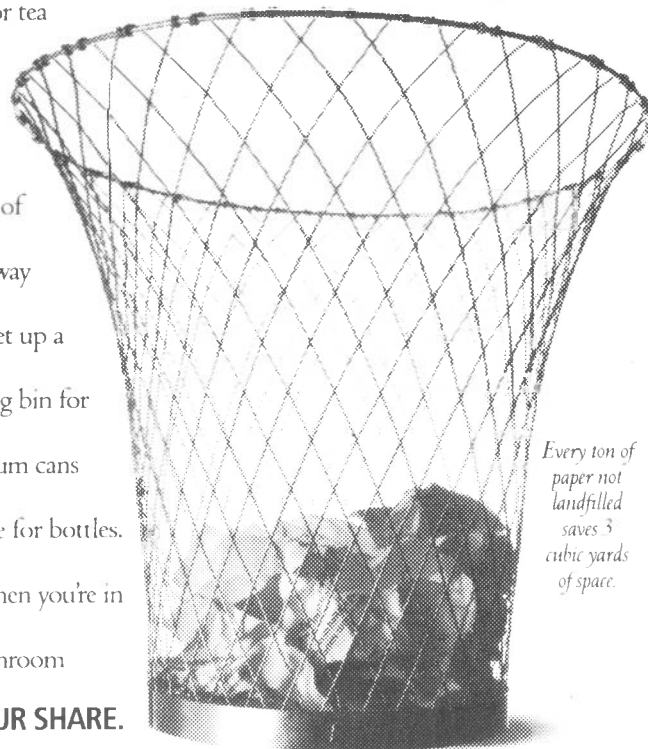
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I'M WRITING TO YOU TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, A MISTAKE THAT I WOULD ADVISE EVERYONE NOT TO MAKE. I ENROLLED IN A VERY RIGOROUS SCIENCE CLASS LAST SEMESTER. I BECAME DESPERATE BECAUSE I HAD SUCH A HEAVY COURSE LOAD. I WAS NOT PASSING THE CLASS AND I DID NOT WANT TO DROP THE CLASS SO I DECIDED TO FIND A WAY TO PASS THE COURSE. I CHANGED THE GRADE ON ONE OF MY TEST PAPERS AND LEFT IT ON MY PROFESSOR'S DESK HOPING THAT HE WOULD SEE THE GRADE AND CHANGE IT THINKING THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE. MY PROFESSOR NOTICED IT, OF COURSE, AND SPOKE TO ME ASKING ME WHAT HAPPENED. AT FIRST I WAS RELUCTANT TO ADMITTING THAT I DID ANYTHING THEN I REALIZED THAT DENYING THE SITUATION WOULD NOT GET ME ANYWHERE.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO ENCOURAGE MY SPELMAN SISTERS NOT TO MAKE THE MISTAKE THAT I MADE. WHEN ONE OF OUR SPELMAN SISTERS CHEATS ON A TEST, HOMEWORK, QUIZ, OR ANYTHING THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR WORK, SHE IS DIMINISHING THE VALUE OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE EARNED FROM SPELMAN. SHE IS ALSO PLACING DOUBT ON THE INTEGRITY OF OUR STUDENT BODY. IT IS NOT WORTH SACRIFICING ALL OF THIS JUST FOR A GRADE. OUR COLLEGE IS WORTH MORE THAN THAT AND SO ARE YOU.

— ANONYMOUS

*How come the students of this campus (whose tuition and student fees help pay for speakers, visitors, and guests) get to spend less time with visiting dignitaries and famous people, than the staff? — anonymous*

## Sloth Gains Rank as Deadly Sins: Triflin' Trash Detail



What irks me the most since I've lived in Morehouse-James hall is the condition of the garbage can between Abby and Morehouse-James. The student in either dorm use this can as a garbage receptacle instead of using the designated areas. If Abby women do not care to use their designated area, Morehouse-James' is always available. But, using this garbage can not only looks nasty and tacky, but also attracts unwanted pests.

— Tameika Miller

How come administration gets to break the rules without any type of reprimand while students are penalized for the same action. Case in point, advertisement flyers for events. When students wish to place flyers around the campus, to advertise events they must adhere to certain rules and regulations that specify where flyers can and can not be place. Not only that, but for some areas of the campus, signatures from members from certain officers must be obtained. If these rules are not followed, then the flyers are turn down without a second thought. However, if there is a major administrative event that is to occur soon on campus (especially if the time is short between the beginning of the advertising of the event and the even itself) many times in the morning, the students wake up to hundreds of flyers plastered all over the student center, advertising the event, with no regard to the rules that the students have to abide by. In addition, these types of flyers seem to be the only kind that survive until the next day, as the other flyers are removed overnight. Senior staff, we love you . . . but you need to play by the rules.

— Kori Smith

I don't appreciate students wearing house slippers/flip flops and hair rollers in the cafeteria. It is uncouth and inappropriate! If they continue to appear this way in the cafe., what's next? — Tasha Smith



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